Statement—II

The Salient points agreed with the Federation are :—

1. The Cabinet note on the recommendations of the Athreya Committee is being recommended and will be sent within 10 days to the Cabinet for Government approval.

2. The implementation of the 'No Work—No Pay' principle for the strike period will he deferred till the final decision of the Cabinet in this regard.

3. The demand pertaining to Daily Rated Mazdoors (Wiremen Grade) has been accepted and instructions are being issued separately.

4. The recognition to the Union cannot be given as per DOP guidelines.

   However, they will be granted meetings and their letters will be entertained at all levels.

5. Process of withdrawal of Police cases which do not involve assault and violence will also be started.

DOT Expension plan

127. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that failure of multinational companies to clear tests has adversely affected DOT's expansion plan;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to overcome this problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Pay Scales of Inspectors and Assistant Superintendents in the Department of Posts

128. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Inspectors and Assistant superintendents of post offices are working in the department of posts;

(b) whether it is a fact that an assurance was given to Parliament Assurance Committee by the Department of Posts that the pay scales of Inspectors and Asstt. Superintendents in that department will be revised soon; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Asstt. Supdt. of Post Offices—1439

Inspectors of Post Offices—2130.

(b) Yes Sir. Assurances in reply to the Parliament Questions that the matter was under examination were given.

(c) The Govt. have not found it possible to revise the pay scales of Inspectors and Asstt. Supdts. of Post Offices as demanded by them. Since the Association of Inspectors and Asstt. Supdts. of Post Offices have filed an application in the Central Administrative Tribunal on the question of revision of their pay scales, the Government have decided to await the judgement of the CAT.